

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ralph de la Torre

Group Art Unit: 3732

Serial No.: 10/666,707

Examiner: Annette R. Reimers

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Title: Pericardial Retractor

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

This is a timely response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment date March 28, 2006. As this amendment does not alter the number of claims in a manner to require additional fees, and no extension fee is required, no fees are enclosed herewith. If any additional fee is due, please charge the fee to deposit account no. 07-1732.

A Statement of the Claims (Amendment) is found on page 2 hereof.

Remarks (Argument) are found on page 7 hereof.